

# Francisco To Prepare Text For Genesis

NASHVILLE (BP) — Clyde T. Francisco, John R. Sampey professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has accepted an invitation to prepare a new treatment of the text on Genesis for Broadman Bible Commentary.

Dr. Francisco Clifton J. Allen, general editor for the commentary, extended the invitation following action

of the Sunday School Board trustees in July, and subsequent authorization of executive secretary - treasurer James L. Sullivan. The trustees voted to comply with the action of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis by authorizing the administration of the Board to seek to secure a new author for the commentary on Genesis.

Francisco was selected to write the comments after consultation involving the two Old Testament consulting editors, John I. Durham of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Roy L. Honeycutt of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, plus Allen, Sullivan, and Broadman Press staff representatives. Francisco prepared one of the general articles for Volume 1, and the commentary on 1 and 2 Chronicles for Volume 3.

As he accepted the invitation, Francisco stated: "My acceptance of this assignment does not imply my rejection of the previous work of G. Henton Davies, for whose doctrinal integrity I have the greatest respect, but is in response to the expressed desire of Southern Baptists for further discussion of the implications of current biblical studies for our common faith. My decision to undertake this task is based upon my confidence in the historical method of biblical study, the trustworthiness of the Bible, and the willingness of Southern Baptists to be open to truth wherever it may be found."

Davies, principal of Regent's Park College, Oxford, England, and currently president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, wrote the original commentary on Genesis for the twelve-volume set. A majority of messengers present and voting at the Wednesday morning session of the Southern Baptist

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## FMB Gives \$10,000 For Pakistan Aid

RICHMOND (BP) —The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here has contributed \$10,000 for a UNICEF cholera treatment project in East Pakistan.

On recommendation of Southern Baptist missionaries in Pakistan, the board sent the \$10,000 to the UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) office in New York to purchase medical supplies in the cholera relief project in Pakistan.

UNICEF officials in Dacca, after conferring with SBC missionary James F. McKinley, had suggested that the board underwrite the entire cholera project at a cost of \$53,000.

However, "administrative officers at the board took the position that a

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## Linkletter To Appear At BMC Thursday, October 7

Art Linkletter will appear on the Blue Mountain College campus Thursday, October 7, 1971.



The celebrated entertainer became interested in the attempts of a church-related college to alert young people and adults to the drug situation in today's cause he feels such efforts are not only to be commended but also amplified.

Mr. Linkletter is known today for his personal campaign to combat the drug problem among teenagers and young adults.

Numerous business and civic leaders have joined Blue Mountain College and Mr. Linkletter in the endeavor to help make the adults and youth in North Mississippi and the State

aware of the drug problems.

Art Linkletter is nationally known for his television programs, *People Are Funny*, which ran for 19 years, and *House Party*, which ran on television and radio for 24 years and was one of the top daytime shows. His book, *KIDS SAY THE DARDEST THINGS*, is one of the top non-fiction best-sellers in the history of publishing.

His presentation, "An Evening with Art Linkletter," is the kind of program that appeals to everyone.

The humor plus the serious thinking on today's problems, particularly the drug situation as it affects not only youth but the business community as well, will make an impact on all who hear him.

The program on the Blue Mountain campus will be at 8:00 p. m. in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium.

Tickets, which are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children and youth, may be secured by calling 685-5711, area code 601, or may be picked up at the College.

## Work With National Baptists

## Brogan Begins Task As New Director

By Anne McWilliams  
When calendar pages were flipped over last week from September to October, Mississippi Baptists officially acquired a new director of work with National Baptists. Rev. Richard Brogan succeeded Dr. W. P. Davis, who has been director of the Department of Work with National Baptists since 1957, and who retired September 30.

Since May, Mr. Brogan has occupied an office in the Baptist Building, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, where he has been busy "learning the ropes." Since 1967 he had worked in the Delta as director of work with National Baptists in that area. Prior to 1967, while still in the pastorate, he served around four years part time with the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. It is clear then that this work is not new to him, and with his enthusiasm and know-how, he will have much to offer.

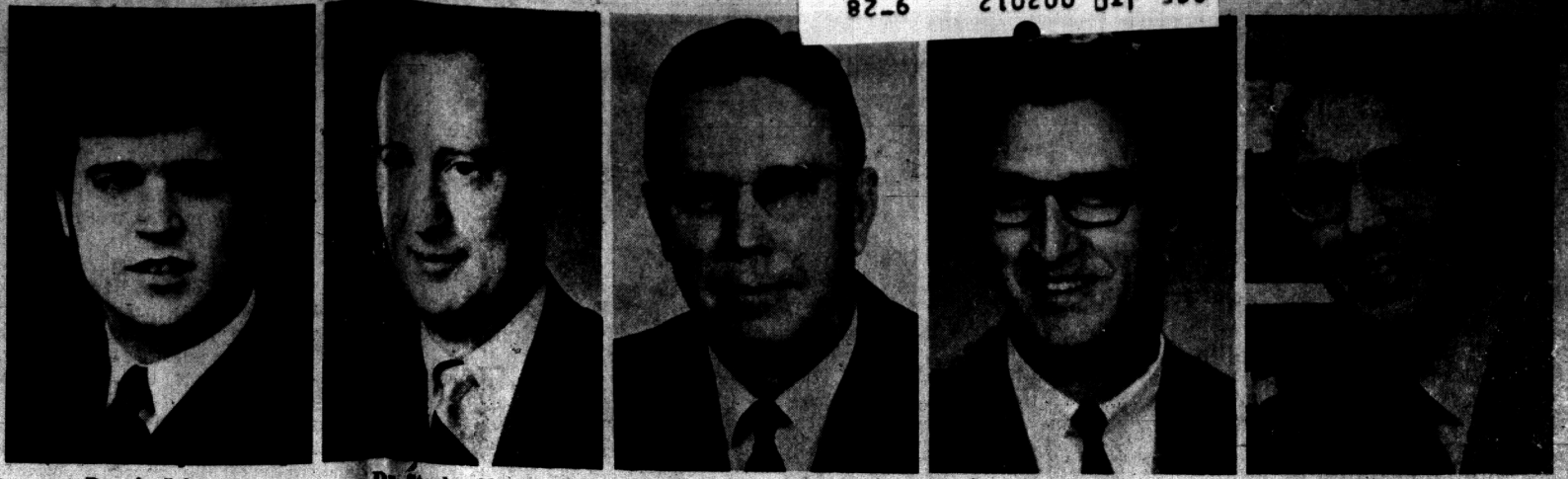
How did this young preacher, native of Laurel (and the "Free State of Jones"), become interested in working with National Baptists? It all began, he says, when he was invited to teach part-time at Shady Oak Center of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, at Collins.

"From this experience," he says, "I became more and more interested in the Negro and his culture and history, his faith, his acceptance of me as a person and as a friend." Blacks have

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REV. RICHARD BROGAN



Dennis Johnsey

Dr. Stanley Nelson

Rev. Ralph Winders

Milt Hughes

Rev. W. Lee Prince

## Student Meet Set MSCW Nov. 5-7

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## Sunday School, Evangelism Program Plans Taking Shape

The coordinated statewide campaign of enlargement and improvement in the churches of the state in 1972, particularly through the Sunday schools, to be followed by a major emphasis on evangelism in 1973, is now taking shape, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"Every church and ever association in the state is being urged to cooperate in this gigantic effort to reach people," Dr. Hudgins added.

This program was formulated early this year following a meeting of Dr. Hudgins with several department leaders at the Baptist Building and out of it came the statewide Sunday School Enlargement and Development Program for 1972, to be followed in 1973 with a concerted effort in the field of evangelism.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board enthusiastically approved this program at its Sept. 27 meeting and the program will be presented and featured on Tuesday night, Nov. 16 at the State Convention, Dr. Hudgins declared, adding that "the program has been established as a top priority item with all departments and personnel at the Baptist Building for 1972 and 1973."

Two area meetings of associational leadership, dealing with interpretation and discussion, have already

been held, with leaders from 60 of the 76 associations present.

These were held at Grenada and Hattiesburg with a fine response, according to Bryant M. Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department and chairman of the statewide coordinating committee.

He added that almost all associations had been contacted and the leadership enlisted and he is urging every association to get the body to adopt this program at its annual meeting in October and get it on the calendar for both 1972 and 1973.

Associational and foster associational superintendents of missions are cooperating effectively, he continued. The purpose of this cooperative effort is "to reach people for Jesus Christ," Mr. Cummings said emphatically. Continuing, he declared:

"For the first time in Mississippi Baptist Convention programming and activities, our entire staff and resources will move cooperatively in a two year priority effort in enlarge-

ment and evangelism.

"1972 and 1973 will be years of enlargement and evangelism respectively. Here is an opportunity for Mississippi churches and members to focus solidly on 'people.'"

"Our objectives will be to find people, enlarge and improve our local church organizations and train our Sunday School leadership and mem-

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Up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students are expected to attend the annual State Baptist Student Convention to be held at Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus Nov. 5-7.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor, said that students would attend from more than 30 schools and colleges in the state.

Dennis Johnsey, student at Mississippi State, and president of the State Baptist Student Convention, will preside.

Convention theme will be "Celebrating His Presence."

Out-of-state principal speakers will be Rev. W. Lee Prince, pastor Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis; Milt Hughes, consultant, Campus Evangelism, National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Stanley Nelson, Associate Secretary, Department of Personnel, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Dr. Charles Barnes, BSU director, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, will be an out-of-state conference

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## Bus Outreach Clinic Held In Jackson

A statewide Bus Outreach Clinic was held at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson Sept. 30 and what could be more appropriate for a background of leaders than a bus? From left: Rev. Clark McMurray, Pascagoula; Chester Vaughn, Nashville; Melvin Bradley, Wichita Falls, Texas; Mrs. Harold Magee, Yazoo City; B. M. Spooner, Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. Bryant Cummings, Jackson, director of Sunday School Department, sponsor, and Rev. Joseph Oliver, Amory.

## By Taiwan Baptist Leader

## U.N. Seat For Communist China Opposed

RICHMOND (BP)—The chairman of the Taiwan Baptist convention expressed opposition to the seating of

Communist China in the United Nations, and concern over President Nixon's pending visit to Peking, during a conversation with two administrators of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

Lu Pang-Ti, representing about 10,000 Baptists in Taiwan, made the statements during a visit with Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, and James D. Belote, the board's secretary for East Asia.

The Taiwan Baptist leader, accompanied by Hu Hung-Wen, a non-denominational evangelical, told Cauthen and Belote they were members of a group of 22 Taiwanese Christian leaders in the United States to confer with government and United Nations officials.

The group hopes to present their views in the White House and to the Congress in Washington, D. C. They have already presented a petition containing signatures of persons opposing the seating of Red China in the United Nations to an official of the U. N. General Assembly.

According to a handbook which the Taiwan Christians are distributing, the group is called "The Chinese Christian Church Leaders Goodwill Mission." The statement says they represent 177,000 constituents of more than 50 Protestant bodies in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Lou said the group's mission is to (1) tell representatives to the U. N. and the people of the United States that Christians have had complete freedom to proclaim the Gospel in Taiwan over the past 25 years, and (2) state its conviction that Commun-

ist China's repression of Christian churches and failure to renounce war and revolution as means of spreading Communism make that nation unfit for membership in the U. N.

Lu said that publicity in this country about Nixon's proposed trip to Peking has been mostly favorable on grounds that it is desirable to open communications between the two world superpowers.

Lu added that the group from Taiwan wants to keep "the other side of the story in the arena of world opin-

ion and the entire issue in perspective."

He observed that Taiwanese Christians are concerned and prayerful for the people of mainland China and are opposed only to the totalitarianism of the Communist Chinese Government.

Lu spoke in Mandarin, a Chinese dialect in which Cauthen is conversant and which Belote understands. Both were formerly missionaries in China; Cauthen used Mandarin in his

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## 'Christianity Today' Hits At Prayer Amendment

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Christianity Today, the evangelical fortnightly published here, is opposed to the proposed Constitutional amendment on prayer.

"Genuine piety is fostered not by government... but by families and individuals who practice reverence for God and obedience to him in all their activities and associations," the magazine states in an editorial in its Oct. 8 issue.

The amendment, bottled up in the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee for eight years, has been forced to the House floor. A vote will be taken in the late Fall.

The amendment reads: "Nothing in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through

expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

Christianity Today listed several reasons why it believes it would be a "mistake" to add this statement to the Constitution. It noted that "persons can and do voluntarily assemble for prayer in public buildings... Where local authorities prohibit this, they cannot legitimately argue they do so because the Constitution forbids it. The Supreme Court has said the First Amendment prohibits government-promoted religious exercises, but it has upheld the study of religion and rights of voluntary assembly and propagation of one's faith."

Another reason the magazine opposes the amendment is, it said, that Constitutional provision is "hardly the

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## Blessitt's British Campaign Spurs 'Turn on to Jesus'

LONDON (RNS)—The Rev. Arthur Blessitt set out from Trafalgar Square here to walk to Edinburgh in Scotland carrying a cross and preaching, "Turn on to Jesus."

The "Minister of Sunset Strip" in Hollywood attracted wide attention and sent reporters scurrying to find out what has happened with other "Jesus People" missionaries who have come to Britain from the U.S.

The Methodist Recorder found enough to conclude that "the long knives of the Establishment are already out."

Mr. Blessitt assured his audiences that he was not here "with an American message, it is a message from the heart." Mr. Blessitt, a Baptist, once walked across the U.S., carrying a cross.

According to The Methodist Recorder's research, "Jesus People" religion is catching on in England. A reporter visited the "Children of God," a commune in London founded by two Americans, Jonathan and Esther Levi. Sixty members were recruited in two months. The commune carries its message to people in Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus and public festivals. "Children of God" are sometimes invited to churches but they are not "really trying to help the church," said one member, adding: "Unfortunately, in the church per-



The 'Jesus Movement' Invades Britain

LONDON—The Rev. Arthur Blessitt (center, with fringed jacket), his wife, children, and several companions, arrive at London's Heathrow Airport to begin a British campaign. Mr. Blessitt, the "minister of Sunset Strip" in Hollywood and a leader of the Jesus People, set out from London to walk to Edinburgh in Scotland, carrying a cross and preaching "Turn on to Jesus." (RNS Photo)

sonal soul-winning has been forgotten. Our kids have seen the needs and are trying to do something about it. We have found the organized religions cold, and they are not getting out. As much as we would like to help those in the churches, there is so much need outside them."

A Crusade spokesman admitted that

with the advent of more radical "Jesus People," his movement looks "rather conservative" but the major goal is the same, "To confront people with Christ."

Londoners are beginning to see bumper stickers reading, "Love your enemy. It will drive him crazy" and "Honk if you love Jesus."

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work but Belote spoke Cantonese. After talking with the SBC Foreign Mission Board leaders here, Lu departed for Washington, D. C., where he visited with Baptist World Alliance officials.

In Washington, Robert Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said that four Baptists from Taiwan paid a "social visit" in his offices, but the question of seating Red China in the U. N. was not discussed in detail.

Joining Lu for the Baptist World Alliance visit were Samuel S. C. Wu, chairman of the board of directors for the China Steel Trading Corporation, Taipei; Wesley Hsu, and Hu Hung-Wen, both Baptist pastors in Taiwan.

Lu said he planned to visit with Southern Baptist missionaries to Taiwan in Greenville, S. C., including retired missionary to China J. Alexander Herring; and also furloughing missionary Oswald J. Quick from Taiwan, now in Raytown, Missouri.

Before leaving Washington, the Baptists from Taiwan left with Baptist leaders there some copies of an "open letter" to "all Christian churches in

the United States," and other printed materials concerning their views on Red China.

"We all look upon the United States of America as a leading nation of the world built upon a foundation of good Christian faith and biblical truth," the open letter said. "It is our petition, therefore, to the members of Christian churches and all citizens of the United States of America, to uphold the immortal orthodoxy of Christian belief and stand abreast with us as whole-hearted defenders of justice against all evil."

"On behalf of the Chinese Christians," the statement said, "we want to solemnly declare our stand against the Communist regime which has forced its tyrannical control over the people on the China mainland during the past 22 years."

"This godless regime is the oppressor of our countrymen," the Taiwan Christians declared. "It has shown no regard for human dignity. It has killed tens of millions and enslaved hundreds of millions. It has persecuted the Christians, closed down the churches, and wiped out Christianity on the mainland. It has forced upon the people the most terrible tyranny

in the whole history of China."

The open letter charged the Red Chinese with using "bloody suppressions, concentration camps, forced labor, brainwashing, mutual supervision, secret agents and starvation" to maintain control over the masses of people. The statement also thanked God "for preserving at least a part of our country — namely Taiwan and other islands — where... Christians can enjoy and express their faith."

Expressing their concern that one-fourth of the world's population is isolated from the rest of the world, the Taiwan Christians claimed that "to seat the Communist regime in the United Nations provides no solution at all."

"It will only encourage the oppressors and mercilessly deepen the isolation of the Chinese people," the statement said. "Only when Communist tyranny is utterly destroyed and a democratic China is restored can the Chinese people enjoy peaceful friendship and cooperation with the outside world," they said.

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way to promote a revival of true religion."

Finally, the editorial said, "this amendment leaves open the possibility for some to assert that denominational prayer should not be permitted in public buildings."

"If a group of Orthodox Jews wish to hold a prayer meeting in a public building at some suitable time, they should be allowed to do so even though Reformed Jews, not to mention Christians, would be unable to join in at least some of the petitions."

"Youth groups such as Campus Life or Inter-Varsity should be able to meet in schools for explicitly Christian prayers without fear that misguided authorities will say only groups praying in a way that is acceptable to all religions are now constitutional."

## Scobey Church Unites With Tillatoba

On September 19, Scobey Church voted to unite with Tillatoba Church. Total membership at Scobey is 31, with the membership at Tillatoba almost 200. For the past year and one-half the two churches have shared the same pastor, Rev. A. M. Moore III. Since Scobey is only three miles from Tillatoba both churches feel that this move is an avenue to greater service. With the help of the Scobey Church, Tillatoba has just built and completely paid for a new \$18,000.00 parsonage. Plans are now in the making for a new 12-room educational building. A new sanctuary was completed in 1969. Also the Tillatoba Church more than doubled its budget this year with receipts totaling more than \$30,000. Twenty-one members were added this year by baptism with several others uniting with the church by transfer of letter.

## Arkansas Judge Gives \$50,000 To Baptist College

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. (BP) — Judge and Mrs. Edward Maddox of Harrisburg, Ark., have contributed \$50,000 to Southern Baptist College here toward construction of a new auditorium and fine arts building.

Judge Maddox is an attorney, a former circuit judge and a rice grower. He said the gift was in memory of his late father, H. P. Maddox, also a Harrisburg attorney.

The proposed auditorium — fine arts building is the first of several campus improvements planned for the Baptist junior college here as part of a \$4 million campaign conducted by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Southern Baptist College here is to receive \$1 million; Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, is to receive \$4 million.

## Pastor Of Church For 49 Years Plans Retirement

ATLANTA (BP)—T. B. Thrailkill, holder of what is believed to be the longest currently-active pastorate in the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced plans to retire, effective Oct. 1.

Thrailkill has been pastor of Custer Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta for almost 49 years. He is 79 years old.

When he became pastor of the church in 1923, it was called Southside Baptist Church. In 1954 it moved to Custer Avenue and changed its name.

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accepted Mr. Brogan, and like him. "And the feeling is mutual," he quickly emphasizes. "I respect and like them, too."

Dick Brogan is the only son, and only child, of Mr. and Mrs. Tedford Brogan of Laurel. He grew up in Second Avenue Church, Laurel, where he was baptized, licensed, and ordained. (Dr. Levon Moore, present pastor of First, Pontotoc, was pastor there when he was ordained.) Following his ordination at the age of 17, Brogan became an interim preacher for nine months, and then served as pastor all during college and seminary.

Not the first minister in his family, he recalls that two of his great-grandfathers were preachers — Rev. Albert Hollifield, a Methodist preacher, and Rev. John R. Smith, a Baptist preacher.

Mr. Brogan graduated from George S. Gardiner High School in Laurel, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. In May, 1971, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary awarded to him the Doctor of Divinity degree. While majoring in sociology and speech at MC, he did have time for romance on the side, for there he met and courted Catherine Dunn, daughter of Donald P. Dunn of Magnolia. Catherine became Mrs. Brogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Brogan live at 1603 Tanglewood, Clinton, with their two daughters, Catherine Elizabeth, 9, and Ricki Lynette, 5. They are members of the Northside Drive Church, Clinton.

For ten years, Mr. Brogan served as pastor in Mississippi, at Hollywood Church, Quitman County; Unity Church, Pike County; Calvary Church, Jones County; and Soso Church, Jones County. During the latter two pastorates he began work part time with the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, as teacher and as dean of the Southeast Center in Hattiesburg and the Shady Oak Center in Collins. Later he worked also in the Northwest Center in Mound Bayou.

In 1967 he went to the Delta as full-time director of the work with National Baptists in that area. There he was engaged in a pilot project as liaison between the blacks and whites, and as public relations man for the National Baptist work. He started some new seminary work, and revived some old.

Mr. Brogan is a member of the Lions Club. He enjoys travel, and has visited the Holy Land, Egypt, Italy, Holland, Cyprus, and Greece.

One of his favorite leisure-time activities is reading; he prefers human interest stories, stories about people.

For more than a quarter of a century, white and black Baptists in this state have cooperated with each other through the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, the Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly, Vacation Bible Schools, scholarship aid, Baptist student union, Bible institutes, and leadership conferences. Bi-racial missions directed by this department provides training, resources, personnel, and inspiration for both denominations.

What are Mr. Brogan's hopes and goals for this new task he is about to tackle? He says, "During the first year I am sure I will be finding myself, doing essentially what the department has been doing. One of my

greatest hopes is to become a resource person for National Baptists — sharing with them materials, personnel, ideas, etc., offering to them services which they may feel free to use, modify, adapt, as they wish, for their own needs. Second, I shall endeavor to interpret the National Baptists to the Southern Baptists. For instance, the Negro preaching service is one where the preacher has great freedom to say what he wishes, and where there is audience response. There is usually a dialogue, a two-way conversation, not a monologue."

In Ephesians 2:14 he has found the kernel of truth which summarizes what his job is all about: "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."

## Students To Meet At MSCW

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leader. Convention song leader will be Tanner Riley, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Clinton.

The convention will get underway Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock with a period of creative worship, led by Mississippi College.

Program features will be Bible Study, Seminars and Rap Sessions, the Bible study groups and seminars to be led by outstanding adult leaders from over the state with the Rap Sessions to have student moderators. A highlight Saturday night will be a concert of music and testimonies by "Truth," a Mobile, Ala., based professional group of 15 dedicated Christian young people led by the Rev. J. B. Breland.

Other features will include a business session, special music and reports of student missionaries.

State personnel who will participate are: Rev. Larry Fields, pastor, First Baptist Church, Summit; Rev. Clyde C. Little, pastor, First Baptist Church, Holly Springs; Rev. Bill T. Nimmons, pastor, First Baptist Church, Starkville; Rev. Granville Watson, pastor, Moorhead Baptist Church, Moorhead; Dr. Harold Bryson, First Baptist Church, Carthage; Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor, First Baptist Church,

Brandon; Rev. Joe McKeever, minister of evangelism, First Baptist Church, Jackson; Dr. W. Craig Ratliff, pastor, University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg and Rev. Wm. S. Stewart, pastor First Baptist Church, Eupora.

The convention will close at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

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bership."

This is not a Southern Baptist Convention program but primarily a Missionary Society, Dr. Huggins said.

In the actual program August 1972 will be devoted by the participating churches to a "people search" or census.

September will be a time for the churches to conduct their Pastor-led or Director-led Enlargement-Improvement campaign.

October will be given over to Sunday School training in the churches.

The early months of 1972 will be devoted to preparation for August, September and October, Mr. Cummings said, with details to be provided through the associational leadership, he added.

Other members of the coordinating committee for 1972 are Kermit S. King, director of Church Training Department; Dan Hall, director of Church Music Department, and Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of the Evangelism Department.

The year of 1973 will be devoted to emphasis on evangelism, under general direction of Mr. Collum.

## Swedish Radio Includes Free Churches

Swedish Radio has asked 20 churches, 10 of which are free churches, to provide its religious programming for the fall. Each of these churches is responsible for three Sunday morning services on radio and a succession of weekday devotions. A short preview discussion of the sermon text for each Sunday program will be broadcast on the preceding Friday.—EBPS.



Fall Brings Apples, Cider, and Pumpkins

—RNS Photo

## POAU Files Suit Against Vermont Parochialism

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Americans United For Separation of Church and State filed suit in the U. S. District Court for Vermont to Challenge the constitutionality of the 1971 Vermont law provide top support for parochial schools. The new Vermont parochial law authorizes the state to reimburse local communities for providing tax aid for parochial schools in the form of "lending" teachers, textbooks, and services.

In the new suit, Americans United v. Oakley, the Washington area based religious liberty organization is joined

religious liberty organization is joined by twelve individual plaintiffs.

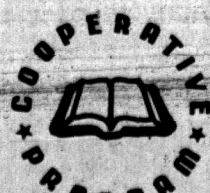
The suit was filed by Burlington attorney Richard Thomas, who commented: "The 1971 Vermont parochial law clearly seems to fall every test of constitutionality ever laid down by the U. S. Supreme Court — the excessive entanglement between church and state test reaffirmed in June of this year, in Lemon and Dickson, the purpose and effect test from Schempp, and the no tax test from the 1947 Everson and subsequent rulings."

## Mississippians Among 32 Set Apart As US-2 Workers



ATLANTA (BP)—Thirty-two men and women have been commissioned by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here to serve on mission fields in the United States for two years as US-2 workers, including several from Mississippi. The US-2ers recently arrived at their mission fields, reaching from Massachusetts to California where they will serve in pastorates, student work, youth centers, inner-city social ministries, resort missions and juvenile rehabilitation. Newly-appointed US-2ers Howard and Martha Beam, (left above) former Mississippians, are working in church extension in the Upper Ohio River Valley in West Virginia. A New Orleans native, he is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. A native of Winona, Miss., Mrs. Beam also is a graduate of Mississippi College. Donnie and Pamela Boutwell (right) will serve in Buffalo, N. Y. A graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., he is a native of Piquette, Miss. She is a graduate of Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, Miss., and a native of Bogalusa, La. A Jackson, Miss., native, Larry Glass (center) is working in church extension in Albany, N. Y. He also is a graduate of Mississippi College.

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## BMC Appoints New Chairman Music Dept.

On September 1, Dr. Stan Richison became Chairman of the Music Department of Blue Mountain College.



Dr. Richison is a native of Oklahoma. Before he began his college and graduate study, as a senior in the Chickasha, Oklahoma High School he was named Outstanding Instrumentalist in the school and was offered four different types of music scholarships to Oklahoma Baptist University.

He holds the Bachelor of Music degree from Oklahoma Baptist University; Master of Sacred Music degree from Southwestern Seminary; and Ph.D. degree in Music from Florida State University.

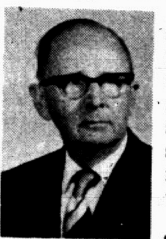
He has taught music in Florida State University, served as music director in Baptist churches of Texas and Oklahoma, and served as choir director of First Church, Marianna, Florida.

He is married to the former Ellen Rhorman of Bainbridge, Georgia. They are the parents of five children, Scott, Randy, Rodney, Chris and Kathy.

Dr. Richison is successor to the late Dr. John C. Butler.

## Elton Barlow Retires After 37 Years

Rev. Elton Barlow has announced his retirement from the regular pastorate, effective October 1.



Mr. Barlow has served as pastor of churches in Mississippi and Louisiana for over thirty-seven years, the past six years and eleven months of Harpersville.

He is a native of Star, a graduate of Clarke College, and holds a B. A. degree from Mississippi College and a Th. M. from the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Barlow is the former Louise Drummond of Florence and was a teacher in the Harrisville School for eight years.

The Barlows have a son and a daughter, both married and living in Jackson.

Mr. Barlow's new address is 258 Woody Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, and phone number is 373-5964. He will be available for supply or interim pastorate, or in any other way he is needed in the Lord's service.

## WMU Worker Retires After Nearly 18 Years

By Anne McWilliams

On October 1, Mrs. Willie Schotte, affectionately known as "Miss Will," retired. For almost eighteen years she had worked with the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

It was back in January of 1954 that she began work in the Baptist Building as mailing superintendent for the WMU. Later she became the amiable and efficient secretary to Dr. Edwina Robinson, executive secretary, WMU, and continued in that position until Miss Ed's retirement May 1, 1971. Since 1964, following the retirement of Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, Mrs. Schotte has also been bookkeeper for Camp Garaywa.

During the summer of 1971 she was dietitian at Camp Garaywa. This latter is a job she plans to continue, though she has retired. She will be dietitian during the summers at Garaywa, and on weekends in the winter when the camp is in use. "I do like to cook," she declares. But she adds an "if." "If people will eat what I cook and act as if they enjoy it!" As she likes to plan meals, too, the job as dietitian is one she happily anticipates.

Mrs. Schotte was born at Raymond, the daughter of Ramsey Chapman and Maggie Clower Chapman. One of her sisters is retired and lives in Jackson; another sister teaches in Indiana. Her brother, George Chapman, teaches at Mississippi College.

At the age of nine, she was baptized at Bethesda Baptist Church, Hinds County. She graduated from Raymond High School and Hinds Junior College.

## Baptist Association Names Minister To 'Trouble-Shooting' Post In North

NEWCASTLE, Eng. (RNS)—In a move described as "unprecedented," Britain's Northern Baptist Association has appointed a special minister to provide leadership in the association, explore problem situations in depth and work on varying church projects.

He is the Rev. Edgar Wright, minister at Frinton-on-Sea in Essex since 1952. He is slated to take up his new post in this area of northern England in November.

One Baptist authority said this was not only the first appointment of its kind in the north of England, "It is the first of this kind in the country. Indeed, it appears to be the first of its kind in Baptist history."

## Arkansas Committee

# Term 'Regular Baptist' Defined

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)—A committee of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, after a two-year study and a controversy that has simmered for six years, will make four recommendations to the state convention here Nov. 16-18 seeking to "clarify" requirements for membership in the convention.

The 25-member committee was appointed two years ago during the height of a controversy spawned in 1968 when the convention withdrew fellowship from four churches that practiced either "alien immersion" or "open communion."

The four churches were ousted from the convention on the basis that they did not meet requirements in the convention's Constitution limiting membership to "regular Baptist churches."

When the 1971 convention meets at Second Baptist Church here in November, the committee of 25 will recommend adoption of a definition of the term "regular Baptist church." This is the way the committee's definition of the term reads:

"Regular Baptist churches are those Baptist churches which in doctrine and in practice adhere to the principles and the spirit of the 'Baptist Faith and Message' (statement) as adopted by the 1963 session of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Last year, on the committee's recommendation, the Arkansas convention adopted the "Baptist Faith and Message" statement as its own expression.

According to the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, "alien immersion" is defined as baptism by immersion by a church of a differing ecclesiastical fellowship or order i.e., a non-Southern Baptist church. "Open communion" is a practice by a local church permitting persons in addition to members of that local congregation to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Though the "Baptist Faith and Message" statement has a section on "Baptism and the Lord's Supper," it does not specifically rule out a Baptist church's accepting the immersion of another church for its members, or deny the practice of "open communion." The statement says:

"Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is a pre-membership and to the Lord's Supper."

"The Lord's Supper," the statement continues, "is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming."

The committee's four recommendations to the convention in November call for three constitution changes to define the term "regular Baptist churches" in various sections of the Constitution. Passage by two successive conventions is required on all constitution changes.

No indication was given by the committee on who would decide whether or not a specific church met the stipulation of adhering "in doctrine and in practice" to the statement of Faith and Message.

In 1965, the convention voted to withdraw fellowship from First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ark., because the church practiced "alien immersion."

Again in 1968, the convention voted to withdraw fellowship from four churches, including the Russellville congregation, because they practiced with "alien immersion" or "open

immersion" to the privileges of church communion" and therefore were not "regular Baptist churches."

Carl Overton, associational missionary of the Ashley County Baptist Association in Hamburg, Ark., made the 1968 motion, citing previous convention resolutions which he said stated that churches which engage in these practices are not "regular Baptist churches."

At the 1968 convention in Fort Smith, Ark., Dillard Millar, pastor of First Baptist Church in Mena, Ark., made the motion asking for the committee to define the term "regular Baptist churches" and to "clarify, specify and recommend policies regarding membership in this convention."

In addition to the Russellville church, other churches excluded by the 1968 convention are First Baptist Church, Malvern, Ark.; University Baptist Church, Little Rock; and Lake Baptist Church, Little Rock; and Lake Village Baptist Church, Lake Village, Ark.

None of the four churches sent messengers to the state convention last year.

Wilson Deese, pastor of West Helena Baptist Church, West Helena, Ark., is chairman of the committee of 25 making the recommendation defining the term "regular Baptist church."



## Carey President Honored On 15th Anniversary

William Carey College president, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, left, was honored on September 14 by his trustees, faculty and staff with a formal dinner on the occasion of his fifteenth anniversary as president. Special speaker for the event was Mississippi Baptist layman, Owen Cooper, whose wife is on the Carey Board of Trustees. Board Chairman, Bruce Aultman of Hattiesburg, right, was master of ceremonies. Each of the fourteen departments and schools on campus presented a brief tribute to the president and his wife. The Home Economics' contribution to the evening was a large anniversary cake with 15 candles.

## Baptist Organ Is Used In Kennedy Center Opening

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON—A Catholic "Mass" by a Jewish composer played in part on a Baptist organ opened the widely-heralded John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts here.

At the request of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the late President's wife, Leonard Bernstein, former conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, composed "Mass" for the opening event of the Kennedy Center. Although mass is central in Catholic worship, "Mass" by Bernstein is not a sectarian production. It is a secular work designed as a message of peace and reconciliation in a torn and divided world.

Bernstein combined the best in Jewish and Christian worship and tradition along with his contemporary creativeness to call the world to peace. Those who attended the nine opening performances were caught up in a moving emotional experience as they realized they had participated in one of the great works of art of this century.

One of the three organs used in the production of Mass was selected by Bernstein himself. It is an organ built by the Allen Organ Company according to specifications of the Music Committee of the College Avenue Baptist Church of Annapolis, Maryland. After its use at the Kennedy Center the organ will be installed in the new million dollar building of the College Avenue Baptist Church.

The College Avenue Baptist Church, of which David P. Haney is pastor, is the historic church in Annapolis that has ministered to the Baptist midshipmen since 1904. Forced to move by urban renewal in Annapolis the College Avenue Church has relocated in the suburbs, but will continue its unique ministry to the midshipmen.

The church has received a special plaque to be placed on the organ noting its historical use at the Kennedy Center. In addition a memorial carillon system has been presented to the church by the Kennedy Center and the Allen Organ Company.

In accepting the gifts Haney said, "The tribute is primarily to the great emphasis which Baptists have given to quality in music for worship across the years. In that sense, we are but bearers of a tradition. We are both

humbled and honored by the bequest and deeply pleased to share a treasured heritage among Baptists — our music."

The Baptist instrument, which was on display at the Kitt Music Company in Washington, is a three-manual organ with every available variation. It exceeds the standards of the American Guild of Organists.

The organ has 46 stops that combine the Romantic, Classical and Modern voicing concepts. The Allen Company in building the organ added a first-of-its-kind computerized pre-set "capture action," which allows the organist to change complete registrations by touching a button. It has 111 speakers. The cost was \$35,000.

## Matriculation Fee Increase Approved By IRS

FORT WORTH, Tex. — A matriculation fee increase at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has received approval from the Internal Revenue Service, according to Dr. John Seelig, assistant to the president at the seminary.

He said a letter from Ellis Campbell Jr., district director of the IRS gave government approval of the increase.

The letter said that after reviewing the facts in the situation, "we believe the increase is in compliance with the president's executive order on the wage, rent and price freeze."

Seelig said the matriculation increase, which raised the fee from \$65 per semester to \$100 per semester, had been agreed upon by all six Southern Baptist seminaries last fall. The fee at Southwestern was voted upon in March by the board of trustees, published in the seminary's catalog in April and students started registering under the new fee structure in June.

The IRS ruling came after two students complained of the increase and asked for an opinion earlier this month.

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BAPTIST NEWS



## Music Retreat Held At Meridian

People from every section of the state were present for the Pastor-Minister of Music Retreat held Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at First Church, Meridian. Several present were, from left: Dan Hall, director of Music Department, sponsor; Rev. James Hatley, Second Baptist Church, Memphis; Mrs. Josephine Bryan, Jackson; John Chandler, Nashville; Dr. Grady Colben, New Orleans and Rev. James Yates, Yazoo City.

# Francisco To Prepare Text For Genesis

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tion Convention in Denver in 1970 voted that Volume 1 of The Broadman Commentary was "out of keeping with the beliefs of the vast majority of Southern Baptist pastors and people," and requested that it be withdrawn from distribution and rewritten "with due consideration of the conservative viewpoint."

Allen estimated that the manuscript prepared by Francisco could not be expected before January, 1973. Publication of the new volume is expected late in 1973, according to Ras B. Robinson, manager of the Broadman Products department of the Sunday School Board.

Following action by the Sunday School Board trustees in August, 1970, and January, 1971, plans were initiated to revise Volume 1 according to the request of the convention in Denver.

Before these plans could be carried out, the St. Louis convention in 1971 took action stating that "the Sunday School Board be advised that the vote of the 1970 convention regarding the rewriting of the Broadman Commentary has not been followed and that the . . . board obtain another writer and proceed with the commentary according to the vote of the 1970 convention in Denver."

Objection expressed in the St. Louis Convention and criticism through other media centered on the treatment of Genesis. The recent action of Sunday School Board trustees in August was a response to that concern and the request of the convention.

Eight volumes of the commentary have already been released. Volumes 5 and 6 are due to be released this October. Volumes 7 and 12 are scheduled for release in May, 1972, completing the original set.

## FMB Gives \$10,000 Aid To Pakistan Project

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smaller participation in this particular project was advisable," said John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the board.

Missionary McKinley had written Hughey: "We do know that \$53,000 is a lot of money. We also know that the lives of poor people of this land are of infinite worth and we here are under deep obligation to help them."

"While it is true that we would have little to do on the practical side of using the supplies provided by these funds, I doubt that any mission will ever have such an opportunity to help dying people in such a manner as this."

McKinley also told Hughey that the missionaries in East Pakistan are seeking other projects in which they might become involved personally.

"The situation in Pakistan, and among the Pakistan refugees in India is growing more tragic daily," Hughey said. "The Foreign Mission Board and missionaries in East Pakistan are eagerly watching for new opportunities to help. Personal participation of outsiders is so far held to a minimum by the governments of Pakistan and India."

UNICEF special advisor to the ex-

ecutive director, V. A. M. Beermann, said that under normal circumstances about 1,000,000 cholera cases can be expected in any one year in East Pakistan. In view of the conditions which currently prevail, however, major cholera problems are expected this year.

The project to which the Foreign Mission Board is contributing is aimed at direct treatment of children and mothers during this crisis. Specifically, the board allocation will be used for disposable needles, syringes and infusion sets. These materials have already arrived in Dacca, board officials said.

## POLLY WANTS A PRESS CARD

RICHMOND (BP) — Arthur Haylock, Baptist mission press representative in the Dominican Republic, wrote to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here requesting a new press card.

He said the family parrot had chewed up his original press card.

"Please send a replacement, and I will keep it out of sight," Haylock promised.

Did you realize that the light bill went up at your church this year . . . and postage, and educational materials? They all went up at your church. Will your pledge for next year increase enough to help meet these new costs?

Stewardship Department



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### A Challenge To Every Mississippi Baptist

Mississippi Baptists are being challenged to engage in one of the most far reaching programs of advance ever to be proposed by convention leadership. They are being asked to make 1972 a year of Sunday School enlargement in every church, and 1973 a year of Evangelism emphasis in every church. The key to the program is the participation of every association in the effort to enlist the very last church.

The program was presented to the Convention Board at its meeting on September 27. The news story of that presentation and of the program itself is found on page one of this issue of the Record.

Leading the program of promotion

### Welcome To A New Department Director

Mississippi Baptists' work with National Baptists moves under a new director this week as Rev. Dick Brogan, assumes the place of responsibility vacated by the retirement of Dr. William P. Davis.

Mr. Brogan is a native of Mississippi and has spent his entire ministry in Mississippi. He comes to his new position after nine years of service with the department in its Seminary program, five on a part-time basis in the Hattiesburg and Collins areas, while serving as a pastor in that section, and four as full time director of the Northwest Center in Mound Bayou.

The Department of Work with National Baptists will now move to a new dimension in its program of work with the churches of the National Baptist conventions. In the past few years much of the effort of the department has been given to the strengthening of the seminary, the establishment and development of Sophia Sutton Assembly, and the development of the student program on college campuses. This certainly is not all that has been done, but these have been major projects.

Now the seminary has been well stabilized with an outstanding National Baptist pastor and leader serving as president. Sophia Sutton Assembly has become a center of cooperation and fellowship for the various National Baptist conventions, as it ministers to thousands each year. The student program now offers its ministry to thousands of students. With such a strong program now solidly established, the department of our convention board is looking to other ways in which it can offer our fellowship and ministry to the National Baptist brethren.

Mr. Brogan says that one purpose which he has in mind is to begin to offer to the leadership of the National Baptist churches the things which we have learned in Mississippi Baptist Convention churches and in the convention board, about such vast fields as evangelism, stewardship, church development, enlistment, etc. If the experiences and the tools we have learned to use can be made available to the

of the plan for 1972 is Bryant Cummings of the Sunday School Department of the Convention Board, and for 1973 is Roy Collum, Director of the Department of Evangelism for the Board. Every department leader and associate at the convention offices has accepted a responsibility in the programs and will be active in them.

Southern Baptists learned long ago that the best tool which they had for reaching people and winning them to Christ was the Sunday school. When the Sunday school grew the number of baptisms increased. An example was the "Million More in '54" campaign, which, while not reaching the million, did see an enrollment increase in the Sunday schools of more than 700,000. The result was that the following year saw one of the highest records in baptisms ever attained by the convention. This relationship of Sunday school outreach and increase in the number of baptisms has been shown again and again both in churches and in convention wide programs.

Recognizing this fact, Mississippi Baptist leaders agreed that if there was to be an effective outreach for people the Sunday schools must be enlarged. Since we also have learned that to do

this we must make surveys, enlarge the organization, train workers, set up a program of visitation, and provide positive Bible centered teaching, leaders determined to ask every church in the state to join in doing those very things in 1972.

Then, as the Sunday schools begin to grow, the churches will pray, and train and set up witnessing programs, and revivals, to make a great advance in evangelism in 1973.

We believe that every church in our convention wants to reach more people for Bible study.

We also believe that they want to reach more people to be saved, and to follow that with baptism and church membership.

It is because of this that this program should have the support of every church in the state.

Pastors and other leaders should begin to move now to lead their congregations in active participation in the programs of 1972 and 1973.

You will be hearing much more about this in coming weeks, but the time to begin planning and scheduling for participation is now.

### The District Association

October is the month of association meetings in Mississippi. There are 76 associations in the state and the majority of them will be meeting within the next three weeks.

The district association is the denominational organization closest to the churches in Baptist life. It is here that the fellowship with other Baptists to the end of the earth begins.

This does not mean that the churches belong to the association, and the association to the state convention, and the state convention to the Southern Baptist Convention, for that is not the true relationship in Baptist polity.

Churches belong to associations, and cooperate with the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. The associations do not send representatives to the state convention and the SBC, for those bodies are made up of messengers from the churches. It is an unusual organizational set-up, but it keeps the churches at the center of all of our program, just where Baptists believe the Lord wants them to be, and it also keeps all denominational bodies, however large, under the direct control of the churches, through their messengers.

National Baptist churches, perhaps they can bring some of the same results in those churches which have been seen in our convention's churches.

At the same time the department will continue to seek to build the bridges of understanding and fellowship in witness by all Baptist churches in the state.

We welcome Mr. Brogan to this position of convention leadership, and predict on-going advance in this department as he carries out the ministry he has projected.

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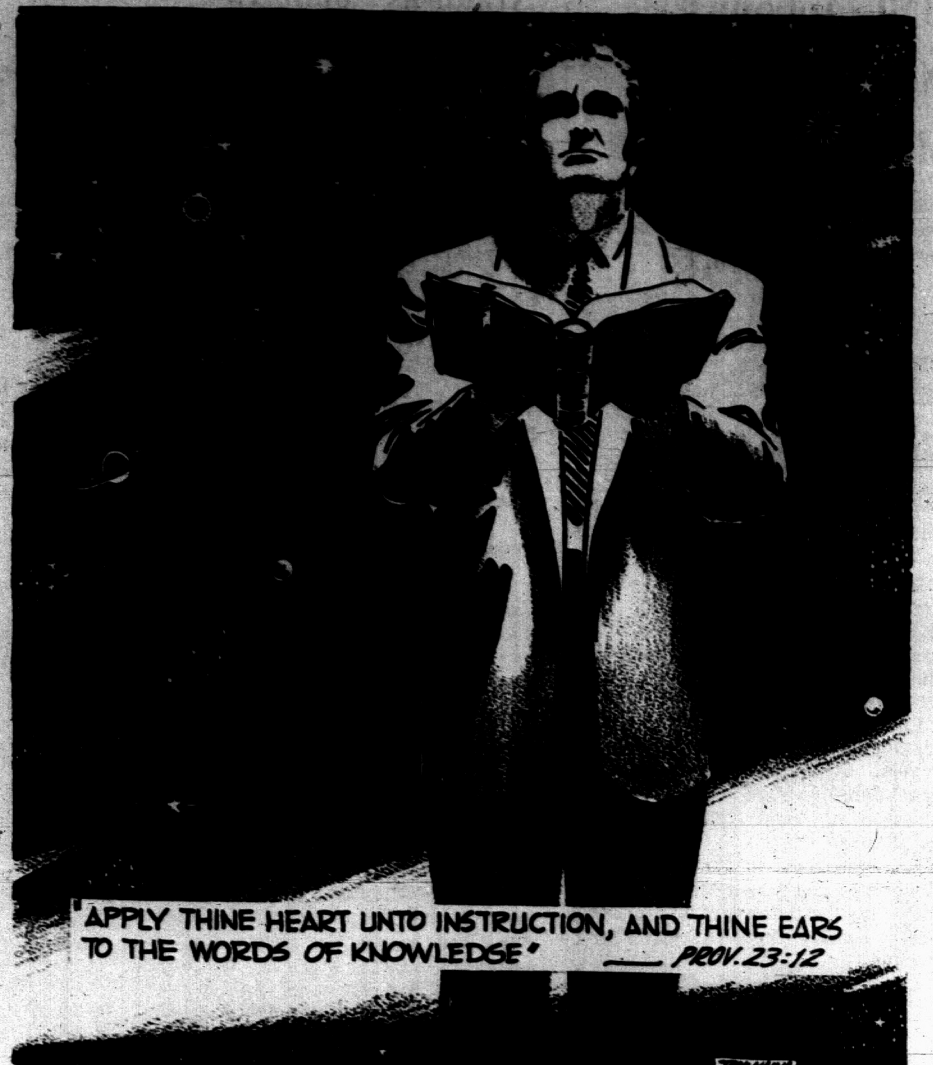
As we already have said, the association is the organization closest to the churches. It is organized, and usually has some type of mission board. Many associations now employ, in conjunction with the state convention, a superintendent of missions.

The annual meeting of the association is the place where the reports from the churches are received, where programs are presented, and where plans are made. It is a place of preaching, handling the Lord's business and of warm fellowship.

Annual associational meetings have changed in recent years and many associations no longer have the two and three day meetings, dinner on the ground fellowship, and leisurely time for associational business, which used to prevail. Usually now, the programs are streamlined, the number of sessions are fewer, and in many cases there are no day sessions, and no meals.

Despite this the associational meeting still is most important, and attendance should be large. Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists face some of the most challenging opportunities of their history, and some of those are at the associational level. Every church should have messengers present the meeting of its association, and it should participate in, and support the programs of advance which are adopted there.

Mississippi Baptist work will be stronger for 1972 if the 1971 associational meetings are the type they should be.



### IN AN AGE HUNGRY FOR KNOWLEDGE



### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

#### Why The Title?

Note: Quite a few readers have been asking lately why Mrs. Fancher chose the title of this column and exactly what its significance is. Since many seem to have missed the first column, dated February 5, 1970, and its explanation of the title, that column is reprinted below.

There are a few chores a woman must tend to which I am glad science is doing something about. Like ironing. I suspect my Granny Trenor and Mama Brown would have never believed — during all the hours they stood and sculptured with their irons white shirts which could stand alone — that their granddaughter would shame the name of womanhood by sending her preacher-husband into the pulpit — Sunday after Wednesday after Sunday — in a shirt free of starch and untouched by an iron. Needless to say, I am pleased as peaches I lived so long. Often I actually grin as I place lovely, unwrinkled shirts and pants on hangers; sometimes I stick out my tongue at my iron as I pass it on the way to my husband's and sons' closets, arms laden with hangersful of eternally pressed clothing. So far, the crease has outlasted the knees in every pair of pants.

At the same time, it was from the lowly ironing board, coupled with the even lowlier dishpan, that I learned one of the highest lessons about being a woman. The only two duties about housekeeping that I dislike are ironing and dishwashing. But who can rear a family without an abundance of each? So I had to come to grips with each. My earliest solution was to let each go undone just as long as there was another clean dish and another ironed shirt or pair of jeans — a very unsatisfactory solution.

Things slid along. I am sure that my heavenly Father was a bit outdone with me about my attitude. I think He knew I needed to be given a new outlook. I further think He knew I'd have to be given it — that I would make no effort to change my own attitude. Consequently, I think it was His Spirit which caused my mind to function as it did on a certain day after I had been ironing.

The two oldest boys, about five and six then, were dressing to accompany some friends to a neighboring city for a movie. They were quite delighted, and I was summoned several times to help. The place from which they summoned me was the ironing board — because the shirts they wanted to wear had not been ironed and I was in the hurried process of ironing them before time well-groomed boys who gave every evidence to go. All our frenzied efforts came out even and the results were two very fine-looking, of being well-cared for. My heart panted twice — once, from rushing, second, from joy.

As I watched them gleefully pile into Betty's car, something — the Holy Spirit. I plainly suspect filled my mind with thoughts thiswise: "Wilda, how can you despise something that has such marvelous results? When you are ironing, why can't you look beyond the ironing board and see your boys walking off to school, church, anywhere, everywhere, into life? By then they were out of sight of my eyes but not out of sight of my heart. I glanced upward and said, "Thanks, Father. I needed that. I'll try to remember."

No miracle had been wrought that sent me rushing hilariously nor regular to the ironing board, but the drudgery had been eased. I no longer saw the clothes as I laid them out before me on the board — I saw them on my family, coming to life: I saw James Neil's diaper shirts catching his teething drool, I saw Frank's short pants topping legs still plumpish with baby fat, I saw Bobby's shirts stretched across boyishly broad shoulders. I saw James's as he moved among his flock as becomes a good under-shepherd.

Because now I was able to look beyond the ironing board. And soon I could see beyond the dishpan, too.

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Dr. Davis Expresses Gratitude; Introduces

#### Dr. Dick Brogan

Dear Dr. Odle: Mississippi Baptists have been good to me. I thank God for all of you. It has been a real joy to work with you. I thank God for you.

I commend unto you my successor, Dr. Richard Allen (Dick) Brogan. He is worthy of your love. He is truly God's man for the hour. When you have him in your homes and churches it will bless you a hundred-fold. I know you will use him.

I am open for pulpit supply, revival meetings and interim pastorate. I trust you will use me. My addresses are as follows: Mississippi Baptist Seminary P. O. Box 11305 Jackson 39213

141 Leavell Woods Drive Jackson 39212

God bless all of you. William P. Davis

### Recommends

#### Reading Of Three Books

Dear Editor: It has been my desire, since taking my ordination as a Southern Baptist Preacher, to fully cooperate in the work of my Lord and our great denomination in these past 27 years. I have been greatly disturbed from many things that have been happening in our churches today.

I would love to see three outstanding books be read by our leaders of our churches of today. 1. "Baptist Distinctives," by W. R. White. 2. "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church," by J. Clyde Turner. 3. "We Southern Baptists," by Norman W. Cox. To me, these books have helped me be more firm in my Baptist belief and support of our great Southern Baptist Convention. I would love to see these books to be advertised in every state Baptist paper in our Conventions and on the shelves of all Baptist Book Stores.

I believe that the time has come that books like these would be the greatest help to all of us that would love to have a stronger Southern Baptist Denomination.

W. L. Pitts  
Hinshaw St. Church  
North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Servanthood is loving. The love of Christ makes our love of men evident. The greatest argument for the authenticity of the fellowship is not our orthodoxy but our love for one another. —John F. Havlik in People - Centered Evangelism, a Broadman book

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### NEWEST BOOKS

**AN OUTLINED STUDY OF JOB** by L. E. Green (Dr. L. E. Green, P. O. Box 1693, Pascagoula, Miss., 39367; \$1.00 plus 25c mailing charge.) The 1972 book for the January Bible Study, promoted annually by Southern Baptists is Job. As he has done for several years, Dr. L. E. Green, now retired, has prepared a mimeographed outline study of the book. This 33 page letter size mimeographed book reveals the depth of study the author has made in seeking to find the meaning and message of this Old Testament book. Beginning with an introductory section which presents facts and conclusions concerning the book, Dr. Green follows with an outline of the book as a whole and a plan for study of the book, in clear outline. As one examines the material he finds that this outstanding Bible student and scholar, has placed before him in well organized, but easily understandable form, the truths found in each section of the book. Things which appear complicated as one reads Job, take an understandable form in this outline. Without question the outline will be helpful to all who teach and the many who will be studying this book. Copies may be ordered direct from the author at the address given above.

**THE GREAT COMMISSION ACT III** by Leighton F. Patterson. (Crescendo Book Publications, Dallas, Tex., 23 pp., paper \$1.50) A booklet of 23 lessons on the great doctrines of the Bible for use in training new church members. The Preface is by Dr. W. A. Criswell. Each chapter includes a brief discussion of the doctrine named with Scriptures and questions for study. The book should be a real value for a new member class, but also will help older members to better understand the great doctrines of faith as held by

**"YOUR FIG LEAF IS SLIPPING!"** by Paul H. Sheets. (Creation House, 260 pp., \$4.00).

A honest facing of the phoniness of this age. Using the fig leaf of Adam and Eve, he points out how people of today disguise and hide their real selves. He shows that there are hypocrites everywhere, even in the pulpit and the pew. The author is a missionary journalist in Argentina and his book will probe to the depths the living of some modern Christians.

**LEARNING AND LIVING FOR CHRIST** by James W. Bryant (Crescendo Book Publications, 194 pp.) The subtitle is Biblical Thinking for the Now Generation. The author is an assistant to the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas. This is a Bible centered Sunday School curriculum for high school through adults, and this is the first of several volumes in a course which will run over a period of several years. The Preface says that each volume is designed to cover three months of Bible students for college students. This first volume simply presents an introduction to Christian and biblical thought in general. It will be followed by volumes of Old Testament theology, New Testament theology, systematic theology and Biblical evangelism with the plan being for four volumes in each series. There are thirteen lessons in each book. This volume deals with thinking about God, recovering the biblical religion, seeing God in history, defending the faith and other related themes. At the close of each lesson is a student work sheet. This material has been prepared to provide a solid, Bible based curriculum for teaching mature young people. We predict that it will find a wide circulation as it becomes known.

**"GOD IN AMERICAN HISTORY** by A. Lloyd Collins. (Christ for the World Publishers, 128 pp., paper).

Has God been at work in American history? This author says that He has, and that at almost any point in the history of this nation one can see how God was directing the affairs of men. The author also presents the story of some famous churches in America and includes a chapter on "Religious Liberty."

**SERMONS IN AMERICAN HISTORY** edited by DeWitte Holland (Abingdon, \$11.95, 562 pp.)

Selected issues in the American Pulpit, 1690 - 1967. More than an anthology, this book presents preaching in the context of the social, cultural, and historical developments of America. The volume is an excellent source of original material with sermons by such men as John Cotton, William Jennings Bryan, Reinhold Niebuhr, Roger Williams, Jonathan Edwards, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Charles G. Finney, Henry Ward Beecher, Dwight L. Moody, Henry Van Dyke, Wm. M. Pinson, Jr., Herschel H. Hobbs, and Carl F. H. Henry. Dr. Hobbs' sermon, the closing one in the book, is one originally broadcast on "The Baptist Hour." The subject is "More Than Religion" and the text "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" (Matt. 16:19).

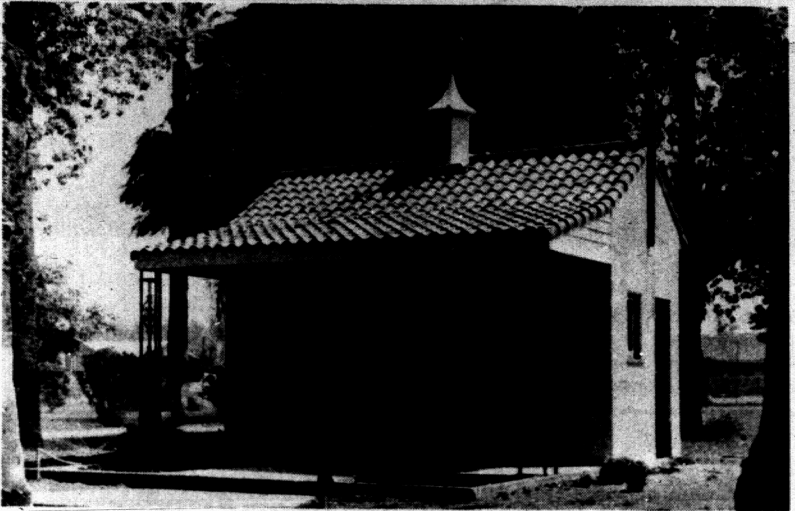
**THE TRAINING OF THE TWELVE** by A. B. Bruce (Kregel, 522 pp., \$8.95).

In this reprint of a classic resource volume, Dr. Bruce deals exhaustively and analytically with the twelve followers of Christ and the lessons they learned from their Master.





**ALL-AMERICAN RATING**—For the first time ever, the Mississippi College COLLEGIAN, weekly campus newspaper, has received an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press. This is the highest rating a college paper can receive. Showing off the certificate is Catherine Chappell of Memphis, Tenn. Standing, from the left, are Guy Land, Eupora, news editor; David Holloway, D'Lo, sports editor; Ney Gore, Marks, photographer; and Jimmy Lewis, Kosciusko, Editor. They served in these positions this past school year.—(M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)



**FROM CHICKEN COOP TO PRAYER CHAPEL:** As a gift to California Baptist College, the senior class of 1971 has rebuilt completely what once was an unsightly chicken coop on the campus, converting it to an attractive prayer chapel. Only the tile roof resembles the eyesore that once blighted the area between several main buildings on the campus and a parking lot.—(BP) photo



**"Life,"** a young world musical was presented by the young people of the Mantee Church in a recent evening worship service. The group was directed by Carol O'Kelley of Lexington, who worked as youth director in the Church this summer. Rev. L. W. Kennedy is pastor.



**THREE GIRLS** went to the home mission field this summer from Mississippi State College for Women: Carolyn Benton to Kentucky; Merrie Coburn to Florida; and Brenda Mullins to Arizona. Seven from MSCW were sent to pioneer missions fields in Montana, North and South Dakota, and Wyoming. Left to right above are summer missionaries Donna Keyes, Brenda Mullins, Carolyn Benton, Carolyn Hurt, Brenda Meades, Patricia Morgan, Merrie Coburn, and Evelyn Rankin. Not pictured: Anne White and Martha Graves.



**NEW DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES**—Miss Jan Hederman of Jackson has taken over a "man-sized" job at Mississippi College for the 1971-72 school year. As Director of Student Activities, Miss Hederman is responsible for the college calendar and scheduling and reserving various rooms in the B. C. Rogers Student Center. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hederman, Jr.—(M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

## POWERLINE LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

By PAUL M. STEVENS  
Director, SBC Radio-Television Commission

Problems answered in this column are from actual letters to "Powerline," teen music program heard on 550 radio stations.

### EMOTION JUST ONE PART OF LOVE

Dear Powerline:  
I'm 15 years old, and I'm in love with a girl 14. She knows, but she is in love with another boy, 18. I know he don't love her. But my mother don't want me to go with her, and my friends say forget her. But I can't.

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Of course, you can't. You couldn't be expected to. This thing called love is real and man, does it come on strong! It can flip you off your mental rocker, so that you could care less about trying to "think things through."

But there's where the hook sticks. Love, at first, is nearly 100 per cent emotion. It can't be the meaningful, everlasting thing you want it to be till you mix your emotion with a bit of that grey stuff called brains, and a man-size chunk of devotion. Love, as God describes it, is two persons becoming one. That involves mind and will, as well as emotion.

At 15, you've been socked with your first jolt of that wonderful emotional part of love. But that could happen several times before you get all the pieces together for a case of real, permanent love. The other parts take experience. And that takes time. You need to get to know the other persons and the types you can hit it off with. To do this, you should be dating a lot of different girls. Forget her? No. Just give your attention to some others, too. Choosing THE ONE takes some thinking-based on knowledge. You can't prepare for it as long as you're locked onto one prospect.

While you're learning about love, why not learn from the Source of true love—God? Get yourself a Bible—they're available in everyday English translations now—and strike up a relationship with Christ. He let Himself get nailed on a cross for people like you and me who hated Him. How's that for love?

## Ministry Students Get Rescue Grants Aid At Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP) — As a result of a 66-year relationship, the Hope Rescue Mission here has funded three scholarships at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in an effort to help seminary students perpetuate a ministry in the area the mission once served.

The scholarships, which total about \$7,000 annually, are for field education work in the downtown Louisville area where the mission was located until Urban Renewal bought the property.

Trustees for the rescue mission voted to fund the scholarships on a five-year trial period. If the results are what the trustees expect, they may give the seminary enough money to endow the scholarships permanently.

G. Willis Bennett, director of seminary field education, proposed the field education work—scholarships, knowing that the mission's trustees wanted to use the money received from the sale of the mission building to continue missions work in the same geographical area.

Three students, named to receive the first scholarships will work in three areas. Each is considered as a "minister to community."

Hal Ritter of South Carolina is assigned to social work at the Portland Bridge Mission.

Another student, Fred Sanford of Florida, works at the Baptist Tabernacle church, majoring in a ministry to local teenage boys.

A third student, Philip Rahming of

the Bahamas, works as a minister to blacks at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, a predominantly Negro fellowship.



**RA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER** — Mike McBride, 17, (left) of Parsons, Tennessee, is the first recipient of the new Union University Royal Ambassador Scholarship sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and the university located at Jackson, Tennessee. McBride is pictured on the Union campus with President Robert E. Craig.

## European Baptist Unions Support 690 Missionaries

Baptist unions of Europe currently support about 690 missionaries who work outside Europe, according to a news bulletin put out by the European Baptist Missionary Society.

Ten countries of Europe which cooperate in mission work through the European Baptist Missionary Society have 60 workers abroad. The British Baptist Missionary Society supports 252.—EBPS.



**MEMBERS OF THE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** for the fall semester at MSCW are front row—left to right: Jeanne Forrester, Barbara Ross, Mary Lee Crews; next row—left to right: Donna Keyes, Martha Graves, Patricia Morgan, Sandy Long, Merrie Coburn; standing—left to right: Karen Reed, Sue Zann Rogers, Martha Burnett, Karen Cother, Diane Smith, Brenda Mullins, Nell Graves. Officers include Patricia Morgan, president; and Sandy Long, vice-president.

## Today's Youth



**WORK WITH CHOCTAWS**—Six young ladies from First Church, Starkville, spent a week in Philadelphia on the Choctaw Indian Reservation helping with Vacation Bible Schools in Sandy Hill Church and Bethany Church. Bev Kennedy, summer youth director at First, Starkville, assisted with the schools also. Re-reading some verses from the church Bible are, left to right, Pam Murphree, Leanna Lindsey, Marilyn Lewis, Laura Moak, Karen Long, Kathy Buckner, and Mrs. Mary Lindsey, who taught the adult Indians in the night services. The group spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Dolton Haggan, general missionaries to the Choctaw Indians (see Mrs. Haggan's story below.) Those attending the Bible schools ranged in age from two months to 65 years.

## Young Choctaws Kept Busy During The Summer Of 1971

By Mrs. Dolton Haggan,  
Missionary To The  
Choctaw Indians

Summer 1971 was a very good season! It all started with Indian Camp. "Jesus is Real" was the camp theme. We had four days each for Boys' and Girls' Camp with 83 in attendance. There is fun and recreation at camp but the major emphasis is Bible, missions and preaching. This year there were twenty public professions of faith.

An unexpected blessing came in the form of an associational youth revival. A youth team from an Indian Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas contacted us about coming over, at their own expense, for such a revival effort.

(However, our folks were able to provide their care and keep while they were here and gave them \$100 Love Offering.) Bro. Narcomey brought some excellent messages and the other team members gave some wonderful testimonies of what God had done in their lives. This was good preparation for the Reservation-wide Revival the following week. There were more than 30 public decisions during these two revival efforts. Among them were two teen-age boys who had been in and out of jail and Youth Detention Center numerous times. Neither of the boys has any close family and one of them had tried on previous occasions to commit suicide. (Continued On Page 6)

## Report From England

## The Youth Work At Main Road Baptist Church, Romford, Essex

By Douglas L. Harbour  
Minister's Assistant  
38 Mashiters Walk  
Romford, Essex, England

If I were writing this article for a British magazine, I would be tempted to start by trying to impress you with the statistic that we have about 200 young people between the ages of 11 and 25 on our books, of whom about 150 are in regular attendance. But doubtless your huge American con-

gregations would be unmoved!

As the one with over-all responsibility for the youth work in this suburban church near London, I am also unmoved by statistics. What does move me is when a boy of 16 who has joined in with our activities only a few months previously says to me: "I really love this group of young people; they are so warm and genuine." Or when a rather frail young girl volunteers at short notice to teach a Sunday School class—and is still there a year later, in an age when young people are supposed to be idealistic but unreliable.

The evidence from the recent cases of young people professing their faith through baptism at this church suggests that God is using all the agencies that go to make up our corporate youth work. There are those who give testimony to the influence of their teachers in the Junior Fellowship of our Family Church. Others thank God for the values instilled into them by the officers and activities of the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade. In other cases, we can be thankful to God that young people with no Christian background have been attracted through the community spirit of our social activities—we have a Club on Saturdays for the 12s-15s and Youth Night on Tuesdays for 15s-25s.

The mention of community spirit brings me to the Youth Lounge, previously a little-used small hall at the back of the church, now converted by the Youth Group into a centre for

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**YOUNG PEOPLE REMODEL OLD BUS**—The young people of First Church, Maben used their time this summer to take an old school bus, paint it, carpet it, and draw Biblical scenes on the back of the seats. Now the church is using it to bring people to church, and for youth activities. Rev. Randle S. Pogg is pastor.



**TWINS AT TEA**—Annually, President and Mrs. Harold Fisher of Blue Mountain College entertain members of the student body with an afternoon tea at Armstrong, their home. Surprising Dr. Fisher in the receiving line are identical twins, Sheila and Shirley Siler, freshmen of Memphis. Dr. Fisher handles the "seeing double" situation by extending both hands of welcome. The twins are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Siler of 4250 Minden, Memphis.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### South Carolina Woman Ordained To Ministry

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)—Miss Shirley Carter of Columbia, chaplain-in-resident at the South Carolina State Hospital here, has been ordained to the gospel ministry by a Southern Baptist congregation.

She is believed to be the first woman in the state and the second in the nation to be ordained by a Southern Baptist Church.

"Ordination is required for the chaplaincy," Miss (or Rev.) Carter explained. "And I have reached that point in my career."

Though she said she planned to stay in the chaplaincy, perhaps in the field of mental health, she added that "I believe in change and I may someday consider a pastoral (church) ministry."

### British Endorse Services In Hyde Park Attacking Pornography

LONDON (RNS)—Tens of thousands of "believing Christians" from all parts of Britain surged into Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park here to take part in a Nationwide Festival of Light.

The festival—designed to support love, purity and family life and denounce pornography and moral pollution—was ushered in by the saying of prayers in churches across the country and the lighting of more than 250 hilltop beacons, which in olden days were lighted to warn of danger and calamities.

Although the London rallies climaxed the program, the Nationwide Festival of Light will be continued under the title, "Keep the Light Burning" by special meetings and groups.

### RELIGIOUS SOCIOLOGISTS POINT TO 'OLDTIME RELIGION' REVIVAL

DENVER (RNS)—Religion is not dying, as some predicted a few years ago, or being replaced by science and personal ethics, a group of religious sociologists agreed here.

They pointed to surges in both old and new religions, especially among youth. They noted that the "oldtime religion" is enjoying a spirited revival.

"As science fails to give them real answers to solve their problems, youth are turning in droves to old-fashioned Christian fundamentalism," said one sociologist.

Religious trends of the time were reported by members of the Religious Research Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion, holding their first joint meeting.

### Adventist Editor Takes Issue With New English Bible Translation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—A Seventh-day Adventist editor has questioned The New English Bible translated of the "oft quoted" Isaiah 28:10, which in the King James Version begins: "For precept must be upon precept."

Don F. Neufeld, associate editor of the Adventists' "Review and Herald," wrote in the Sept. 2 editorial that the "major content" of the verse "seems to have vanished in The New English Bible, or at least has been altered."

He noted that in the King James Version, the text reads: "For precept must be upon precept, . . . line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

In the New English Bible, it becomes: "It is all harsh cries and raucous shouts, 'A little more here, a little there!'"

### Young Mississippi Choctaws Stay Busy

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mit suicide. Both need your prayers.

Five older teen-age girls came from Heuck's Retreat Church (Lincoln Co.) to help us in our Assoc. Day Camp. We had four days with a five-hour schedule each day. Some of the kids came 25-40 miles one way each day but we had 24 eight-year-olds.

Our mission study book, COCONUTS FOR PETER, was about the Cuna Indians in Panama. Each unit was made to resemble the living situation of a Cuna family. There was great excitement and lots of giggles about cooking "Iganaa" stew in their unit area.

A Baptist Young Women organization was organized at the Pine Bluff Church.

Rev. Emmett Denson was ordained to the Gospel ministry and is serving Old Canaan as pastor. The week prior to his ordination, he led the church in a VBS. At the closing service, Mr.

### Calvary, Smithdale, Calls New Pastor

Rev. Mike Willoughby has assumed duties as pastor of Calvary Church, Smithdale. A graduate of Mississippi College, he is working toward the Master of Theology degree at New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife plan to move on the field next summer.

He was previously pastor of Harland's Creek Church, Lexington, for two and one-half years. Mrs. Willoughby is the former Jean Buffington of Jackson.

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## POAU Leader Says Ireland Needs Separation of Church and State

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—Gioele Settembrini, assistant to the director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has just returned from Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he witnessed some of the recent violence and saw two of the killings. Mr. Settembrini's statement on his experience there follows:

"I have just returned from Ireland where I witnessed violence and death in another chapter of religious strife that has plagued that unhappy land for many generations. Certain religious leaders keep piously assuring us that the strife in Ireland has nothing to do with religion. They are wrong: it has everything to do with religion. Particularly it has to do with the infusion of religion into affairs of state. To persist in denying this obvious fact is to postpone any possibility of peace for Ireland."

"Certainly there is no quick formula for peace: But one thing all Ireland must have — and without it there is no change for peace—if complete separation of church and state. All Ireland desperately needs a system of common schools serving all creeds without discrimination. It makes no difference whether there is one Ireland, two Irelands, or half a dozen — without this there can be no peace in any of them. A union of the two Irelands may make sense economically, but the North will never submit peacefully to unification so long as an obscurantist church hierarchy continues its control."

"The Irish are locked into sectarian enclaves walled off from each other by barriers of bitterness and distrust, their passions being steadily and systematically inflamed by se-

retarian indoctrination. The church estranges and strangles the culture and assures the persistence of hate. The Irish, both North and South, Catholic and Protestant, should separate church and state and they should do it now. One could almost wish all Irish were atheists so that they could live together as Christians."



### Weir Church Breaks Ground

Weir Church, Choctaw County, held groundbreaking services Sept. 5. This church has finished a three-year building program, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Leon Ballard, and a Planning and Survey Committee composed of H. W. Henson, Chairman, Donald Chandler, Curtis Power, Hubert Black, and Henry Coleman. Members are looking forward to being in the new church by January.



### Salem Church Burns Note

Salem Church (Lauderdale County) burns the note recently paid off on the pastor's home. Left to right are: Leslie Wright, Milton Yates, James Smith, R. W. Shelton, Abraham Ward, V. H. Dennis and Gerald Wright (not shown) all deacons. Center is Rev. Jerry R. McMullen, pastor.

## The Youth Work At Main Road

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their formal and informal activities. We at Main Road feel that outsiders will be attracted to us and to Christ as they see that we are a community of people who do all sorts of things together besides meeting for formal activities.

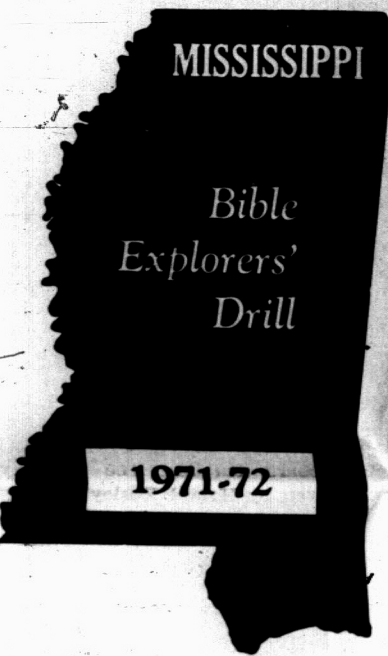
Even our "formal" activities are a little unconventional. Our Bible Class for the 15s-18s meets at tea-time on Sundays and ends with tea together; the meeting is appropriately named "Feed-in." The Youth Lounge is gradually becoming the home where the

young people meet and belong. When outsiders come on a Youth Night, they see young people of their own age in a lounge of their own and with young leaders; there is no authority for them to kick against.

With so many different functions making up the youth work, and with all the headaches that arise in fairly unrestricted situations, there are a lot of loose ends. One of my responsibilities is to see that they are not left untied. It is a work with a constant series of challenges, but which are exciting to face in the name and power of Christ.

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# God Creates A Covenant Community

Exodus 19; 1 Peter 2:1-10

By Clifton J. Allen

God calls men, as we learned from the preceding lesson. The lesson now before us emphasizes God's purpose to create out of those he calls a community of the people of God. God called Moses to be the deliverer of the Hebrews from Egypt that he might establish a covenant with them and create of them a covenant nation. This took place at Sinai. From then onward, the Bible is the unfolding story of God's revelation to and dealing with the covenant community. The Hebrew nation failed to fulfill its co-



venant commitment, but God preserved a remnant. Through that remnant, God fulfilled his covenant purpose in Christ. Through Christ, God is creating the new Israel, the community of the redeemed. Thus the church in the world is the creation of God in Christ.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE**  
(Ex. 19:1-8)

**Covenant promise.** — By mighty acts of judgment, God delivered the Hebrews from Egypt and brought them to Sinai. Here at the mountain of God, here where God appeared to Moses, here before Horeb or Sinai, God further revealed himself to Moses and through Moses to the people and established his covenant with them. He charged Moses to im-

press upon the people how they had come to where they were. God had intervened in their behalf. God himself, God alone, through unforgettable exhibitions of his power, had brought a great host of slaves with their flocks and possessions to Sinai en route to the Promised Land. God took the initiative; he declared his promise to accept the Hebrews as his own particular possession. If they would obey his voice and keep his covenant, he would make them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. They would be God's people in a unique and special way, separated unto his purpose, to worship and serve him with obedience and fidelity.

**Covenant obligation.** — A covenant is an agreement between two parties. Therefore, God's covenant promise in-

volved for the people of Israel a covenant obligation. When Moses declared to the people God's promise and stipulated the terms, the people responded with full commitment. "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Their response was doubtless inspired by the vivid recollection of God's mighty acts in delivering them from bondage. Their response lacked the maturity of full spiritual understanding. But it was sincere, and God accepted them as a holy people pledged to obedience and designed to be the means whereby God would carry forward his purpose to make them a means of blessing to all the peoples of the earth. The people of Israel became God's community, a community bound together in dependence upon God, in obligation to God,

## His Father's Business

Luke 2:40-52

By Bill Duncan

Why did God give parents to Jesus? Tradition says that Romulus and Remus, twin founders of Rome, were raised by a she-wolf. As a child we read about the fictitious Tarzan who was raised by animals. Is this possible? I believe that God cannot bring children into full stature as human beings without parents. One reason is that the relationship of parents is supposed to teach one about God as Father. Children need parents or adequate substitutes.



1. Jesus needed parents to provide physical needs for the child. As a baby, Jesus needed protection from Herod who wanted to kill the child. But he needed even more the essentials of life. We have laws that protect the child from neglect. Today we see some who are questioning the laws that protect the child before he is born. Someone has said, "The family is the physical and cultural womb out of which the child is born a mature and civilized human being capable of growing into the fullness of the stature of Christ."

But the child has needs that many parents forget. Raymond Camp, author of the column, "Wood, Fish, and Stream," for the New York Times, received a letter from a boy which read: "Would you tell me where I could find a place to fish that is not more than 5 or 6 miles from my home in Queens? I am 14 and have saved up enough to buy a rod and reel and line, but do not know where to go fishing; my father goes almost every weekend but he fishes with old men who do not want a boy along, so I must find a place I can reach by subway or on a bridge." By looking in the telephone directory, the columnist found the father's name and sent him the son's letter with a brief note. The father replied: "You handed me quite a wallop in your letter, but I am sorry you did not hit me harder and sooner. When I think of the opportunity I might have lost, it frightens me. I do not need to point out that I have a new fishing companion, and we have planned a busy spring and summer."

2. Jesus' parents provided love and discipline. Jesus needed discipline because it is the process by which the wisdom, skill and control of the child's parents became his own personal choice. If a child gets only discipline without love he lives in tyranny. If the child gets love without discipline he lives in sentimentality. A child will love only to the extent that he has been loved.

The parents of Jesus expressed love and discipline, according to the account by Luke, for Jesus went home and was subject unto them. They expressed concern and love by their care for the child.

Someone asked a seven-year-old what her three greatest wishes were. She said that she wished for (1) a mink coat (2) a gold evening dress (3) a good mommy. The child had been taught early to value things. What she needed most was a good mommy.

3. Jesus' parents provided the right example. When Jesus saw his parents practicing their religious beliefs in everyday tasks and experiences, then faith began to have meaning for every member of the family. Responsible parenthood is the most important vocation that anyone can practice or

have.

4. Jesus' parents provided the right opportunities to do the Father's business. The trips to Jerusalem, the worship in the synagogue, the school work in the law, and the religious instruction at home gave opportunity for the child to do right and live right. As to how much the child knew about the Messiah's role for himself, we cannot tell from this account. But it is certain that he had been taught well. He knew the right questions and answers. Most of all he knew God's claim on his life and he wanted to respond. The 12-year-old experience of confirmation meant the child had been dedicated to God. I feel sure that Mary and Joseph rededicated themselves during the high hour. This special child needed special help.

Every child needs the same provision that Jesus had in growing up to do his Father's business. A parent or both parents need to make certain that they give the best to the child. Too many times, the modern values get put first, rather than the Father's business.

At age 12 the Jewish boy became a son of the law and took the obligation of the law upon his life. Jesus saw this in the light of His Father's will for his life. He wanted to be involved in the Father's business. This could be at home, at school, at play as well as in the religious house. Jesus learned well the lesson of the experience at age 12 for he carried out every letter of the law of God.

When can a child accept Christ as Saviour and begin his Father's business? When he realizes that he has sinned against God and wants forgiveness from God, is the time to begin, but before then the parents and the church need to teach the child that God loves the sinner and Jesus has provided salvation. If this be true then he may easily turn to God for salvation in the child's humble way. It does not take a lot of understanding to be saved. But it takes a lot of training to help the person become a mature Christian doing the Father's business.

### LEAD: A WIN Guide Now Available

LEAD: A WIN Guide is now available from the materials services department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The guide is the latest WIN item prepared by the board. It gives an overview of WIN materials and shows how these materials can be used in a church's witnessing endeavors.

A personal testimony of Bill Vermillion, a man who found Christ as Lord and Savior through the tract, "How to Have a Full and Meaningful Life" is shared by his pastor at the beginning of the material.

Other testimonies follow as related by people in WIN training at Ridgecrest and Gloriaeta Baptist assemblies this past summer.

LEAD is a 32-page booklet that presents one approach to using WIN materials in training witnesses.



## Terry's Creek To Show Movies Of Centennial Celebration

On August 8, Terry's Creek Church, Pike County held their day of celebration for the church's 100th birthday. There were an estimated 1000 persons on hand. Pastor of the church is Rev. John D. Hedgepeth.

Movies taken during the year of the celebration, and those of Sunday's historical event, will be shown the night of Sunday, November 7. Since January of this year, male members of Terry's Creek Church have been growing beards, mustaches and sideburns. The ladies of the church have been dressing in the era of a century back, one Sunday in each month, since January.

One highlight of the day was the setting of a "witness post," marking the 100th birthday of the church.

Serving as church hostess was Mrs. Carey Bankston, also chairman of the food committee. Serving with her were Mrs. Clarence Easley and Mrs. James Rimes.

The Centennial Committee was composed of Mrs. C. F. (Mamie) Travis, Chairman, Mrs. Carey (Ruth) Bankston, Mrs. John D. (Helena) Hedgepeth, Mrs. Charles (Virginia) Travis, and C. W. Cook.

Sixteen dedicated pastors have served the church, and the church has grown from 12 members to the present 315.

Former ministers attending and taking part in the day's ceremonies included Rev. J. B. Hemphill, Brookhaven; Rev. J. D. McAllister, Iron Station, N. C.; Rev. J. B. Hunt, Mc-

Comb; Rev. Howard L. Courtney, Zachary, La.; Rev. Fred S. Roth, Pine Knot, Ky.; Rev. G. E. Wells, Laurel; Rev. Jimmy Wood, New Hebron; and Rev. Edward Williams, who was ordained at Terry's-Creek Church.

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## Names In The News

**Carl Emmons** of Waveland, Miss., brother of Miss Dorothy Emmons, missionary to Tanzania, died Sept. 10. A funeral service was to be held Sept. 14 in Bogalusa, La. A native of Mississippi, Miss Emmons was born in Lake and lived near Newton and Hickory and in Poplarville while growing up. Now on furlough, she may be addressed at P. O. Box 502, Bogalusa, La. 70427.

**Rev. Ray Glover** of Maben, pastor of Double Springs Church, has been employed by the Starkville Public School System to teach two courses in World Religions in Starkville High School. Glover, native of Wheeler, and graduate of Blue Mountain College, did advanced work during the summer months as a graduate student at Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida. He is married to the former Helen Shouse of Wheeler.

**Rev. J. E. Duke** is available for supply or interim pastorate. A graduate of Mississippi College, he has held pastorates in Lowndes, Clay, and Holmes Counties. His address is J. E. Duke, 115 Cox Drive, Columbus, Miss. 39701 (phone 327-1106).



McComb's First Church held a special appreciation service Sept. 19 for Dr. John Lee Taylor, the pastor, and his family. The Taylors recently observed the third anniversary of their arrival in McComb. At the conclusion of the service the family was presented a new refrigerator as a gift. From left are Dr. and Mrs. Taylor and their daughter, Melanie, and standing are their sons, Mark and Michael.

**Rev. and Mrs. Donald V. Phlegar**, missionaries on furlough from Thailand, may now be addressed at Rt. 3, Box 490, Yazoo City, Miss. 39194. Phlegar, a Virginian, was born in Roanoke and grew up in Portsmouth. Mrs. Phlegar is the former Barbara Ann Carley of Yazoo City.

The Mississippi Seniors Golf Association's educational program, in honor and memory of Ann Brown Malott, has presented scholarships to the following Blue Mountain College students: Norma Ruth Miller, Linda Ruth Nolan, Deborah Carter, Cheryl Owen, Judy N. Brown, Mary Joan Smith, Linda Conn, and Jamie Reeder. These eight scholarships of \$500 each are awarded

yearly to girls attending BMC. Ann Brown Malott's alma mater, Harry Malott, Meridian, is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Association.

**Freddie Tanksley** of Route 3, Kosciusko, was recently licensed to the ministry at Hurricane Church. He is a native of Attala County, and graduated from Flora High School. He is now a student at Clarke College and is supply work.



He can be reached at 213 McMullin St., Newton, Miss. 39345.

**L. M. Jones**, father of the Rev. Mack P. Jones, missionary to Uruguay, died Sept. 17 in Waynesboro, Miss. A funeral service was to be held Sept. 19. Missionary Jones, a Mississippian, is a native of Wayne County; his wife, the former Marie Martin of Mississippi, was born in Hattiesburg and also lived in Brooklyn and Leakesville. They may be addressed at Lucas Obes 1097, Montevideo, Uruguay.

**Troy Wayne Pearson** was recently ordained to the ministry at Southside Church, Greenville. He is serving as pastor of the Malmaison Church, Carrollton. Rev. S. B. Boyett is the Southside pastor.



**Rev. S. B. Boyett** (center) and Mrs. Boyett are shown receiving a gift presented by Sidney Martin, minister of music and youth, left. The gift is from the Southside Church, Greenville, where the Boyetts just celebrated their sixth anniversary as pastor and wife. An open house was given in their honor on Sunday, September 19.



**Pastor Ralph Graves** reports that Highland Church, Laurel has added two new staff members. **Rev. Lester Nicholson**, left, began September 15 as minister of education and assistant to the pastor, and **Jim Young**, right, began October 1 as minister of music and youth. Mr. Nicholson, native of Jones County, studied at Jones County Junior College, Mississippi College, and Texas Christian University. He received the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Religious Education degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He retired from the Air Force in 1966 after serving 21 years as a military chaplain. For the past two years he has served as interim director of education and assistant to the pastor of Laurel's First Church. He is married to the former Ruth Dodd. They have three children. Mr. Young, native of Batesville, received his education at Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Delta State College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. He has served Baptist churches in Como, Hernando, Hollendale, Drew, and goes to Highland from First Church, Ellisville. He is married to the former Mary Frances Ouzts of Augusta, Georgia. The Youngs have three daughters.

**Sidney Martin** has been called as music and youth director at Southside Church, Greenville. Mr. Martin received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northeast Louisiana University. In addition to teaching music five years in the public schools of South Louisiana and serving in the churches of that area, he earned fourteen hours in the field of sacred music from New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Martin is married to the former Linda Simons of Columbia, Louisiana. They have two children: Lavette Chantay 4, and Vaughn Patrick, 2. Rev. S. B. Boyett is pastor of Southside.



On September 12, a surprise reception was held at Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport honoring Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. Brock and family on the occasion of their sixth anniversary at the church. The members presented Mr. Brock with a check totaling almost \$300, and a letter expressing thanks for the work the Brocks have done since moving to Grace Memorial in 1965.



### 1st, Belmont, Holds Open House

First Church, Belmont held open house September 26 in the pastor's new home. This is a three-bath, five-bedroom home with approximately 3,000 square feet in the living area; it is centrally cooled and heated and is carpeted and draped. Rev. Jack E. Maroon is the pastor.

### Oak Grove Homecoming

Oak Grove Church near Lexington (at Tolarville in Holmes County) will observe their 27th annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, October 10. Rev. Tommy Bruce will be the speaker at the 11 a. m. service. Lunch will be served at the church.

### Nola Homecoming

Nola Church, Lawrence County, will begin Homecoming Day services October 10 with Sunday school at 10 and preaching at 11. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall, followed by a special message and singing at the 1:15 afternoon service.

Former pastors, members, and friends are invited, states Rev. H. L. Deer, pastor.

### First Church, Sharon, Plans Old-Fashioned Day

First Church, Sharon, Jones County, will have Old-Fashioned Day and Homecoming Day on Sunday, October 10, with dinner on the grounds. Former members and pastors are especially invited.

### Clear Branch Homecoming

Clear Branch Church, Rankin County, will observe Homecoming Day October 10. Rev. George Lewis, pastor, will speak at the 11 a. m. service, following Sunday school at 10.

Rev. Joe Royalty will be the visiting speaker at the 1:30 afternoon service. Dinner will be served on the

## Revival Dates

**Petal-Harvey Church**, Petal, youth revival; October 9 and 10; 7:30 p.m.; Buddy Mathis of Pascagoula, pictured, youth evangelist, Kathy Morris, the reigning Miss Junior Miss, will give her testimony.

grounds. The public is invited.

All collections and donations of the day will go to the upkeep of the Clear Branch cemetery.

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### Clark Street Mission Is Dedicated In New Albany

CLARK STREET MISSION IS DEDICATED IN NEW Albany. Approximately 200 were in attendance at the dedication of Clark Street Mission on September 12. The mission, supported by First Church, New Albany, was built by First Baptist at a cost of \$30,000. The new facility consists of space for eleven classrooms and an auditorium with a capacity of 200. Founded in 1969, the mission has

grown to its present membership of 90 in Sunday School and 65 in Church Training. On the program of dedication were John Waldrop, Chairman of Mission Committee; First Baptist; Wayne Moore, Chairman of Deacons; First Baptist; Rev. W. F. Evans, pastor, First Baptist; Rev. Gagli Eddings, first mission pastor; and Rev. Ronnie Prevost, present pastor of the mission.



### Gautier's 29th Birthday: Will She Stop Counting Now?

First Church, Gautier, celebrated its 29th anniversary on September 19. Photo at left shows charter members present that day. Standing left to right: Mrs. J. L. Reeves, Rev. J. L. Reeves, O. B. Loper, Jr., Mrs. Lillian Elam, Vernon Rouse, Mrs. Flora Thomas. Seated left to right: Mrs. Edith Roberts, Mrs. O. B. Loper, Sr., Mrs. Pansy Ross, Mrs. Florence Penton, Mrs. Hazel Jones, Mrs. Rose Rouse Tackett.

Around the cake are: 1 to r: Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor of First, Gautier, for the past eight years and seven months; Mrs. M. A. Penton, senior member of First, Gautier, cutting the 29th anniversary cake at homecoming ceremonies; and Rev. J. L. Reeves, first pastor of First, Gautier (1942). Dinner-on-the-grounds is barely visible in the background.

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### Mt. Olive Baptistry Scene

Pictured is the baptistry scene painted in the Mt. Olive Church, (Chickasaw Association), by Mrs. Bobby "Del" Young. "Del," an amateur, has put her God-given talent to work in her church. The painting pictures the risen and glorified Lord busy housewife with four children, also finds much time somewhere for many other activities of her church," states Rev. Billy T. McDaniel, the Mt. Olive pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

### Correction

The figure on recorded decisions in the Bay Minette, Ala., crusade reported in the Record for August 26 was in error. The report said over 300 decisions and it should have been "over 100." The actual number was 114.

**Colonial Hills Church, Southaven:** Evangelist Bob Barker, Jr. of Mobile, Alabama; 35 professions of faith; 6 by letter; packed houses in attendance; (Barker had an average of 280 boys and girls before the services each evening for his "fantastic" sessions); Perry Robinson, minister of music at Colonial Church, Memphis, singer; Rev. J. D. Nazary, pastor.

**Highland Church, Laurel:** Sept. 10-12: Buddy Mathis from Pascagoula, evangelist; Jim Young from Ellisville, musician; Six professions of faith; almost 100 rededications; Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor.

**Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg:** Sept. 19-26; Rev. Vincent Cervera, evangelist; 18 additions by baptism and 8 additions by letter for a total of 26; The church has experienced a good year in evangelism with 97 persons having been baptized through the last Sunday in September; Rev. Billy E. Roby, pastor.

The man who samples the Word of God only occasionally never acquires much of a taste for it.

## Devotional

### Think Of That!—Psalm 3:2

By Elwyn N. Wilkinson, Mississippi City

The word "Selah" which appears many times in the Book of Psalms did not mean much to me until a few years ago. It was my thought that it had about the same meaning as the word "Amen." Then a seminary professor told one of his classes how he had learned its true meaning.

Dr. John R. Sampey, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at our Louisville seminary gave an assignment to one of his classes in Hebrew. The students were told to do some research on the meaning of the word "Selah." One student reported that it had about the same meaning as "Amen." Another reported that it was a musical sign which called for a pause when the Psalm was being sung. Another student suggested jokingly that "Selah" was what David said when a string broke on his musical instrument. Dr. Sampey told the class that "Selah" was placed after unusual and precious declarations and revelations in the Bible, and should be translated, "Think of that." "Pause for a moment and meditate upon what you have just read."

"Selah" appears three times in Psalm 3. Verse 2 reads, "Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah!" Think of that. God blesses us continually. He strengthens feeble hands and hearts, and helps us when we are weak and worn and weary. He comforts us when we are sad, gives fellowship to us when we are lonely and is a Friend to the friendless. He provides for all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Yet there are those who say, "There is no help in God. Selah! Think of that!"

One of the central teachings of the Bible is that there is help for us in God. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea—The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah!" (Psalm 46:1,2,11).

And those who gladly and willingly trust Him learn from experience that what the Bible teaches about this is true. When we actually take our burdens to the Lord and leave them there, He proves Himself to be our loving and compassionate burden-bearer. Hear the testimony of one who knew all about it. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7). Think of that!

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